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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 1919 M ST. NORTHWEST WASHINGTON D.C. 20553

KLLK FM RADIO STATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I strongly support KLLK FM Radio Station moving its base from Fort Bragg to Willits California. The Willits area does not have an FM Station while Fort Bragg has three. The current KLLK AM signal is not strong enough to cover the area surrounding Willits adequately due to the mountainous terrain.

The Ca. Dept. of Forestry and other local government agencies utilize KLLK during times of natural disaster such as wildfires and floods. We also use KLLK to notify the area residents of impending large control burns which we conduct to reduce the fire hazards in the local subdivisions. This has proved to be a valuable asset by preventing panic and by keeping the public informed.

I feel that KLLK FM would be valuable part of our area Disaster Preparedness Organization.

Martin Wattenburger

Battalion Chief



Mendocino County Public Broadcasting

New Program Schedule Inside!!

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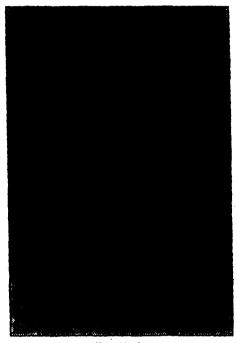


# **KZYX** Profile: Toast & Jam

F"n Hering and Karen Almquist

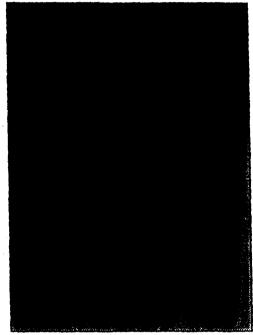
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Thad nothing to do with Mendocino County Public Broadcasting's noble inception; rather I started with the glamorous position of 'volunteer' (read: stuff envelopes, file, vacuum, empty the trash, clean the bathroom, etc.). I certainly had no intention of being on the air, but had plenty of opinions about what other people did there. During KZYX's first year, a slot opened up and some of my cohorts convinced me that I too could do a show. With my wildly varied taste in music, which ranges from mellow to downright weird, what would I ay? The answer was, pretty much atever I wanted. How could I resist?



Ellen Hering

Tuesday Moming Toast & Jam was bom. Thus, through the years, listeners of Toast & Jam (no longer a morning show) have joined me on a merry ride, follow-



Karen Almquist ing my musical phases and hormonal imbalances. (Can anyone identify the PMS shows?) Recently I have enjoyed Continued, page 2

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Carnaval de Mendocino

The fifth annual Carnaval de Mendocino will be a Costume Fantasy Ball, and is scheduled to be held at Crown Hall in Mendocino, on Saturday, February 17th. The event, a production of the Mendocino Coast Jazz Society, will feature the music of Blue Bop, Kajimbo, and DJ Sister Yasmin, with additional performers to be announced later. KZYX-KZYZ will host the bar, and Lu's Kitchen will provide food. This event is always the social event of the winter season on the Coast, so don't miss it!

Black History Month and Women's History Month

KZYX-KZYZ will air special programming for Black History Month in February, and for Women's History

# FALL PLEDGE WRAP

Thank you everyone who renewed or became new members during our October Pledge Drive in '95. Some stats:

Total Pledged:

\$50,095

**Total Pledges:** 

879

**New Members:** 

306

Thanks to all who helped out — office volunteers, phone answerers, food donors, premium givers, programmers, guest pitchers, and staff. Without all of you we just couldn't do it.

SPRING PLEDGE DRIVE...APRIL '96

# KZYZ is Up and Running!

Mendocino County Public Broadcasting's inland repeater has been running since August 25th, bringing a strong signal, especially to Willits, Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Potter Valley. Its performance has surpassed our most optomistic predictions. It has brought a wave of support from the inland communities, reflected in our recent Fall Pledge Drive, the most successful ever.

The repeater was planned for over three years, as an inevitability to kick our signal over the coastal ranges between the Cold Springs transmitter near Philo and the inland valleys. It received its final approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration a year ago,

'Chief Engineer Ron O'Brien, with isulting Engineer Gray Haertig, embled the components on Laughlin Peak, this past summer. In simple terms, the repeater 'reads' the KZYX signal from the Cold Springs transmitter, changes it from 90.7 FM to 91.5 FM, and feeds it through a 1,000 watt transmitter, with an effective radiated power of 567 watts, in a 360 degree pattern. In many areas, listeners can pick up both frequencies.

The eventual vision is that remote studios throughout Mendocino County will be able to send programming over the airways. An inland steering committee has taken that vision to task, and has egun planning fund-raising efforts to gin the process. A satellite studio with Lording and production facilities has been established in Mendocino, in cooperation with the Regional Occupational Program's audio studios, producing the Silver Reel Award-winning radio theatre program 'RunningStill'. It is hoped that a satellite studio in the inland portion of Mendocino County will soon be created.

Toast & Jam (from page 2)

based record, featuring my bottleneck guitar and finger picking techniques. I'll be doing mostly original material, as well as tunes by Muddy Waters, Bob Dylan, Gene Parsons and Bonnie Blackwell. This will be my first solo record in quite awhile. Over the past few years I've recorded with poet Robin Rule and songwriter Bonnie Blackwell. So this project will be more of a representation of what I do, more blues and a little more folksy.

Is there anything else you'd like to say?

I would just like to thank the listening audience for their support over these past few years. There is nothing more rewarding for a programmer than receiving phone calls during a show, expressing interest in and enthusiasm for the music. It definitely is what keeps me going. And thanks to Ellen Hering for creating a show that supports singer-songwriters and performers around the country by giving them a radio audience. And obviously a big thanks to the dedicated staff and members of KZYX for keeping the boat afloat.

# KZYX-YZ On Line

Members and listeners can now utilize E-mail to correspond with and about Mendocino County Public Broadcasting. The E-mail address is KZYX@pacific.net. If you have a computer and modem, take the time to check it out! Annie Esposito has been posting information regularly. Thanks, Annie, for keeping us online!

# **KZYX Board Members:**

Bruce Haldane
Bruce Hering
Jimmy Humble\*
Jim Jackson\*
Carroll Pratt\*
Jamie Roberts

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Anderson Valley
Programmer Rep.
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\*Term of office expiring at the end of 1995

## **KZYX Staff:**

Mary Aigner
Underwriting Coordinator
Gordon Johnson
News Director
Ron O'Brien
Chief Engineer
Steve Rubin
Music Director
Nicole Sawaya
Program Director & Management
Jack Tysseling
Operations Director & Management
Shelia Leighton
Bookkeeper

## Office Volunteers:

Caroline Bonfield Carrie Pratt Judy Long

# MCPB Board Elections

All current members of Mendocino County Public Broadcasting are eligible to vote for new Board members. There are two at-large positions open, and one Coastal Board position. If your ballot is not enclosed, please call KZYX to find whether your membership is up to date.

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DATED OCTOBER 30, 1992

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# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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Richard M. Riehl, Esq. Haley, Bader & Potts Suite 900 4350 N. Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Mr. Riehl:

This is in response to the petition for reconsideration filed on behalf of The Henry Radio Company ("Henry Radio"), licensee of Station KLIK-FM, Fort Bragg, California, of the Commission's <u>Report and Order</u> in MM Docket No. 92-86, 7 FCC Rcd 5939 (1992), which substituted Channel 228B for Channel 244B at Fort Bragg and modified the license for Station KLIK-FM accordingly to accommodate the unopposed proposal of Paradise Broadcasting, Inc., for modification of its license for Station KZZP (FM), Paradise, California, to specify operation on Channel 244B1.

Henry Radio seeks a change in the reference coordinates specified in the Report and Order for Station KLIK-FM. It claims that the use of alternate reference coordinates will provide greater flexibility in site selection and will permit Station KLIK-FM to maximize its signal coverage to Mendocino County. Therefore, Henry Radio requests a change in the reference coordinates for Channel 228B to specify a transmitter site approximately 30.5 kilometers (19 miles) east of Fort Bragg at coordinates 39-21-46 and 123-28-31.

Section 1.429 of the Commission's Rules governs the provisions under which the Commission will reconsider a rule making action. Specifically, Section 1.429 permits grant of a reconsideration request premised on facts not previously presented to the Commission under the following circumstances: (1) the facts relate to events which have occurred or circumstances which have changed since the last opportunity to present them to the Commission; (2) the facts relied on were unknown to the petitioner until after the last opportunity to present them and it could not have learned of the facts through the exercise of ordinary diligence; or (3) the Commission determines that consideration of the facts relied on is required in the public interest. After carefully considering Henry Radio's petition for reconsideration, we find that it does not relate to new or changed circumstances from those existing at the time of the issuance of the Report and Order. Henry Radio could have presented its site change request to the Commission during the comment and reply comment period. Henry Radio's lack of legal counsel during the course of the rule making proceeding does not excuse its failure to timely submit the information contained in its petition for reconsideration.

Even if Henry Radio had timely presented its request to change reference coordinates, we would find the requested site unacceptable. A staff engineering analysis indicates that operation from the alternately selected site would present a line-of-sight service problem to the community of Fort Bragg, in contravention of Section 73.315 of the Commission's Rules. Our analysis

determined that a tower of at least 675 meters (2,214 feet) would be required to clear intervening terrain obstructions. Henry Radio's supporting engineering exhibit did not take the terrain factors into consideration, and no specific showing was presented attesting to its ability to provide a clear line-of-sight service from its requested site to Fort Bragg. The Commission generally will not make an allotment absent a showing that a site is available which will clear intervening obstructions and provide the community with a shadow-free signal of requisite strength. See, e.g., Pinckneyville, Illinois, 41 R.R. 2d 69, 71 (1977). In view of the foregoing, we find no reason to alter the reference coordinates for Channel 228B at Fort Bragg to specify a potentially unusable site, since the coordinates designated in the Report and Order correspond to a theoretically acceptable site. In any event, Henry Radio may specify an alternate site in connection with its application for Channel 228B since there is no requirement that it propose the site specified in the rule making proceeding. See Melbourne, FI, 5 FCC Rcd 1031 (1990).

Based on the above, we dismiss Henry Radio's petition for reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Webbink

Chief

Policy and Rules Division

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Mass Media Bureau

cc: Mr. Robert Cheal Paradise Broadcasting, Inc.

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407 West 9th Street Paradise, CA 95928 Henry Radio Company

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TECHNICAL REPORT BY HAMMETT & EDISON

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Engineering Exhibit in Support of Petition for Rulemaking to Re-Allocate Channel 228B to Willits, California

March 12, 1996

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## Engineering Statement of Daniel G.P. Mansergh

The firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, has been retained by the Henry Radio Company, licensee of Station KLLK-FM, to prepare this engineering statement in support of a petition to amend the FM Table of Allotments in Section 73.201 of the FCC Rules to re-allocate FM Channel 228B from Fort Bragg, California, to the city of Willits, California.

### **Meets All Allocation Conditions**

A study of the existing Table of Allotments indicates that the existing Class B FM allocation on Channel 228 could be located at the geographic coordinates given by the National Atlas of the United States for the city of Willits, California, 39° 24' 36" N 123° 21' 12" W, in full conformance with the mileage separation distances given by the FCC Rules, as shown in the table below:

Channel	Nearest Assignment Allotment or Application	Distance from Willits	Distance Required by FCC
225B	KLCQ, Healdsburg, CA	84.5 km	74 km
226C	KXGO, Arcata, CA	155.4	105
227B	KYCY, San Francisco, CA	215.9	169
228A	KKBN, Twain Harte, CA	308.7	178
229A	KJZY, Sebastopol, CA	125.7	113
230B1	KFMF, Chico, CA	152.1	71
231C1	Rule Making, Hydesville, CA	132.5	79
281A	Allocation, Windsor, CA	97.6	15
282C	KSHA, Redding, CA	155.4	35

Since the reference coordinates for Willits are only 35.3 kilometers from the current channel 228B allocation coordinates, less than the 241-kilometer spacing required in §73.207, this proposal is mutually exclusive with the present allocation.

### First Local Commercial FM Service at Willits

The allocation of Channel 228B to Willits would be the first commercial FM service allocated by the FCC to this community.\*

## More Transmission Services at Fort Bragg

The re-allocation of Channel 228B to Willits would leave Fort Bragg with four local transmission services: FM Station KOZT, Channel 237B1, FM Station KSAY, Channel 253B1, Radio Station KDAC, 1230 kHz, and TV Station KFWU, Channel 8. In addition, the principal community contours of two services licensed to nearby Mendocino, California (Station KMFB-FM, Channel

<sup>\*</sup> Non-commercial FM Station KZYZ, Channel 218B1, is licensed to Willits.



224A, and Radio Station KPM(), 1300 kHz) fully encompass Fort Bragg, as shown in Figure 1. Thus, Fort Bragg would continue to receive principal community signals from a total of six transmission services.

The public interest should be better served by the addition of the first local commercial FM service at Willits than by retaining a seventh service in the Fort Bragg/Mendocino area.

## Comparative Coverage and Population

Figure 2 shows the 1 mV/m FCC F(50,50) coverage contours of the presently licensed KLLK Class A operation and of the predicted maximum Class B operation at the reference coordinates of Willits. The land area within each contour was determined by planimetric measurement on maps of known scale to be 916 square kilometers for the current KLLK operation, and 6,923 square kilometers for the maximum Class B facility at Willits. The population within each contour was determined to be 17,377 persons for the current KLLK operation, and 80,029 persons for the maximum Class B facility at Willits, by summing the populations of all Census Blocks in the 1990 U.S. Census whose centroids lie within the contour. Thus, a Class B station at Willits would result in a net increase in service to an area of 6,007 square kilometers and 62,652 persons within the 1 mV/m contour as compared to the current KLLK operation.

Using these same methods, it was determined that the area both within the contour of the present KLLK operation and outside the contour of the maximum Class B operation at Willits encompasses 71 square kilometers and contains a population of 117 persons. This area would continue to be served by FM Station KOZT, Channel 237B1, Fort Bragg, California, and FM Station KHUM, Channel 284C, Garberville, California, among others.

## Nighttime Coverage of Willits Area

The nighttime operation of Radio Station KLLK, 1250 kHz, currently Willits' only local commercial aural service, covers a relatively small area, as shown in Figure 3. The nighttime interference-free contour, determined to be 10.07 mV/m by a study of the current nighttime allocation conditions, encompasses an area of 288 square kilometers, as determined by polar integration, and contains a population of 10,905 persons, as determined by summing the populations of all Census Blocks in the 1990 U.S. Census whose centroids lie within the contour. A maximum Class B operation at Willits would therefore bring nighttime service to an additional 69,124 persons in an area of 6,635 square kilometers.

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## List of Figures

In carrying out these engineering studies, the following attached figures were prepared under my direct supervision:

- 1. Principal community contours of Mendocino stations
- 2. Coverage of current KLLK-FM and maximum Willits operation
- 3. Nighttime coverage of KLLK(AM) and maximum Willits operation.

Daniel G.P. Mansergh

March 12, 1996

### **Affidavit**

State of California

County of Sonoma

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Daniel G.P. Mansergh, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

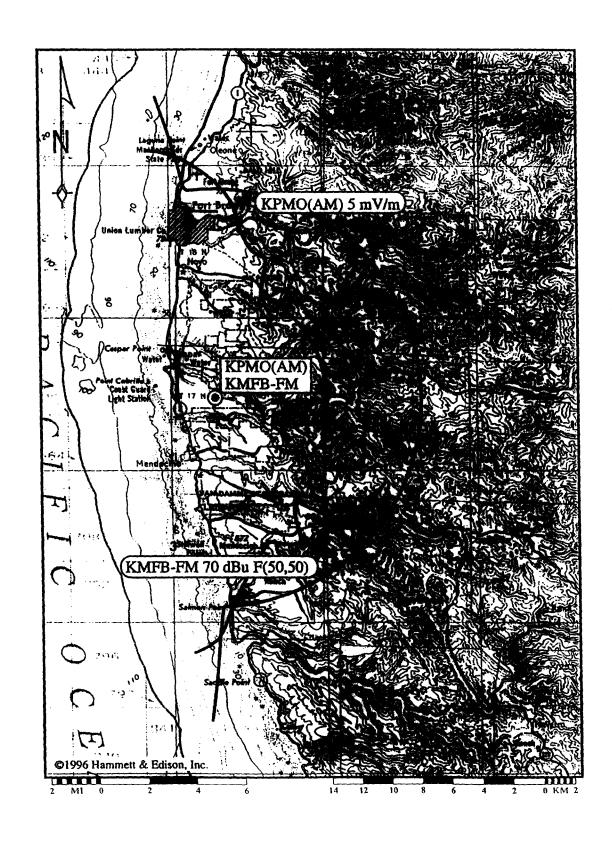
- 1. That he is a qualified engineer and is employed by the firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, with offices located near the city of San Francisco, California,
- 2. That he graduated with honors from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1992, completed two years of employment with Apogee Sound, Inc., and has been associated with the firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., since October 1994,
- 3. That the firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, has been retained by the Henry Radio Company, licensee of Station KLLK-FM, to prepare this engineering statement in support of a petition to amend the FM Table of Allotments in Section 73.201 of the FCC Rules to re-allocate FM Channel 228B from Fort Bragg, California, to the city of Willits, California,
- 4. That such engineering work has been carried out by him or under his direction and that the results thereof are attached hereto and form a part of this affidavit, and
- 5. That the foregoing statement and the report regarding the aforementioned engineering work are true and correct of his own knowledge except such statements made therein on information and belief and, as to such statements, he believes them to be true.

Daniel G.P. Mansergh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1996

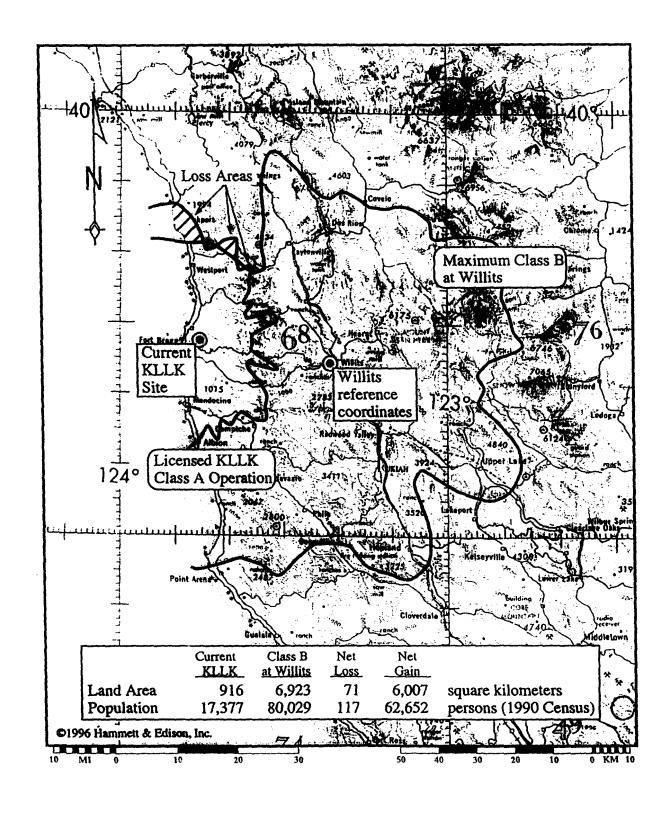


# Principal Community Contours of Mendocino Stations KPMO(AM) and KMFB-FM

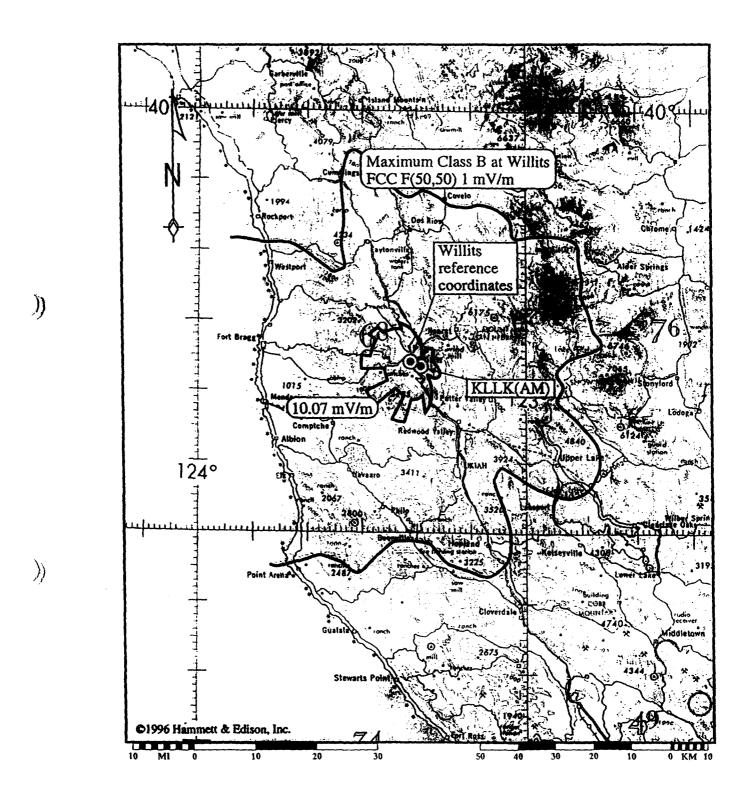




# FCC F(50,50) 1 mV/m Coverage Contours of Licensed Class A and Maximum Class B at Willits



# Nighttime Coverage of KLLK(AM) and Maximum Class B at Willits





Henry Radio Company

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# WILLITS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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# teonomic Growth & trends



The Willits area has experienced a population growth over the past two decades. The city and its environs have grown at a steady pace, however, well within the city's capacity to provide adequate infrastructure and support.

### **Growth Trend**

	WILLITS	COUNTY
1970	3,091	51,101
1980	4,008	66,738
1990	5,119	79,100

## Population

Within the City Limits: 5,119\* Surrounding Area: 7,000

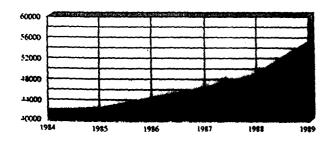
(Pine Mt., Brooktrails, Little Lake Valley)

Service Area: 15,000

XCovelo, Laytonville, Willits area)

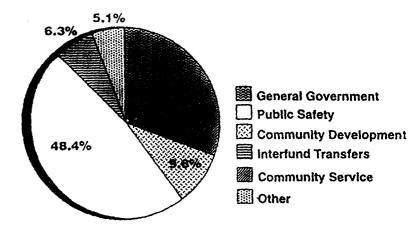
### **Retail Sales**

Willits is emerging as the regional shopping area for northern Mendocino County. The City's recent commitment to a downtown business revitalization/facade grant program and the completion of a new shopping center are drawing more and more north county shoppers to Willits resulting in the significant increase of 1989 over 1988. Sales for 1989 increased 13.1% over 1988, compared to a statewide increase of 8.4%.

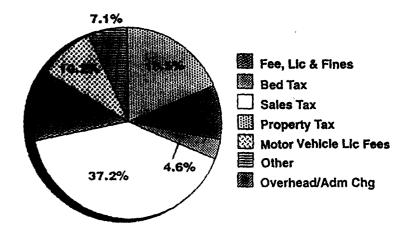


1989 Total Sales \$55,381,000

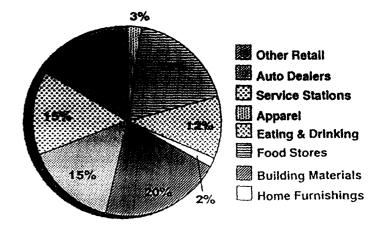
## Willits City Budget Expenditures FY 1989 – 1990



Willits City Budget Revenues FY 1989 – 1990



### Retail Sales Mix - \$ in 000's



<sup>\* 1990</sup> U.S. Census figures

# Government facilities



### **Estimated Income**

Mendocino County (1988) Per Capita 29,400

Willits (1988)

26,684

#### Government

Willits operates under a City Council-City Manager form of government with a five member City Council that elects its mayor each year.

## **Governing Agency**

City of Willits, 111 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490 (707) 459-4601

### Land Use

Willits has 200 acres zoned light/heavy industrial, plus the Southeast Annexation Industrial Park of 220 acres. Utilities, water and sewer are available to all sites. Industrial areas have access to rail lines and highways. Terrain is level with excellent drainage and clay subsoil. Pilings are not required.

#### Assessments

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Fire Protection District: \$60.00 Sewer Bonds: The City has sewer bonds. (\$.007/\$100 of assessed value) Sewer Rates: \$163.50 minimum yearly charge

Sewer Connection Charge: \$1500.00. System is modified activated sludge, with chlorination/dechlorination.

Water Rates: \$17.00 for 3 Units. Over base amount: \$1.90. Deposit required for residential service. Connection costs vary based on type of hook-up and development.

### Storm Drain and Flood Control

Willits has an excellent system of storm drains and creeks. Developers must construct storm drains as required to support existing systems.

### **Street Improvements**

A dedication is required for access to handle increased traffic generated by a facility or future plant line widths. Standard City policy for improved curbs, gutters and sidewalks apply.

### **Retail Sales Tax**

7.25% (State-6%, County-.25%, City-1%)

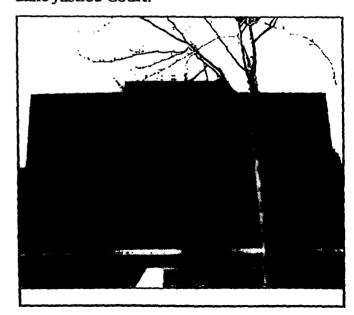
# Transient Occupancy Tax 9%

### **Public Safety**

The Willits Police Department has 12 sworn personnel, 3 reserve officers, and 12 patrol vehicles.

The Little Lake Fire Protection District has 2 fire stations, 10 trucks, 3 full time and 2 part time personnel, and 38 reserves.

Fire Insurance Classification: ISO 5
Ambulance Service is provided by
Northern Pacific Ambulance. Willits also
has a sheriff's substation and the Little
Lake Justice Court.



# Community Facilities



illits is both proud and grateful for the outstanding community services available to citizens and visitors alike. Not only are these facilities essential to the well being of all, they have also been able to adapt to the growing needs of this community.

### **Medical Information**

Willits is home to Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, a 38 bed hospital which provides 24 hour emergency medical service as well as maintaining a CCU and ICU unit. Several excellent physicians, surgeons, and general practitioners practice in Willits. The area also is served by pharmacies, optometrists, dentists, chiropractors, and physical therapists. The community is serviced by one rest home and a convalescent hospital.

### **Schools**

The Willits Unified School District provides area students with an excellent education system. The high school, a California Distinguished School, is accredited and provides an outstanding curriculum. Both primary and secondary schools are well-staffed with qualified teachers and aides. Several alternative schools are within the area for those seeking alternative education for their children. The Willits branch of Mendocino College provides adult and continuing educational courses for all interested people. Parents can choose from many quality pre-schools as well

### Communication

Local news and information is available through a local newspaper and radio station. Many out-of-town newspapers and radio stations also cover the full scope of life in this area. Willits is also serviced by cable television and antenna television.

### Library and Museum

Willits is fortunate to have a branch of the Mendocino County Library system which is located in a new facility on East Commercial Street. Next door is the Mendocino County Museum, where the also hosts the Country Mall, which is the third designated Historical Point of Interest in Mendocino County.

### Recreation

Willits, with it's naturally beautiful setting, has much to offer fishing and hunting enthusiasts. There are many excellent trails and natural areas for hikers, bicyclers and campers to explore and enjoy including Little Darby Nature Trail and numerous trails throughout Brooktrails.

The community of Willits offers a wide variety of other interests. The local movie theater shows all the current films as well as many foreign and lesser known films. The Willits Community Theater provides live entertainment by local performers. Past performances have included everything from hilarious melodramas to outstanding musicals. Willits has a beautiful public park system as well as a community swimming pool and tennis courts.

Another point of interest is Roots of Motive Power which includes authentic working displays of antique steam engines and equipment.

Noted as the Solar Capital of the World, Willits hosts a solar energy expo and rally every year in August. This event is dedicated to education, entertainment and fun with participants and attendants from all over the world.

Willits also holds several annual events such as Willits Frontier Days, which showcases California's oldest continuous rodeo in July, the Community Festival and Car Show in May and many others. For a complete list, please contact the Willits Chamber of Commerce.

### **Seniors Services**

Thanks to the generosity of many, Willits is able to offer a number of important services to its Senior Citizens. The William F. Harrah Senior Center offers everything from meals and transportation to medical care, social events and other needed resources. For more information, contact Willits Seniors, Inc.